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a minor.

Section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1255, authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security ("Secretary") to adjust the status certain aliens who have been admitted into the United States. The subsection applicable to the case at hand provides:

Alien admitted for permanent residence on conditional basis; fiancee or fiancé of citizen . . . The [Secretary] may not adjust, under subsection (a) of this section, the status of a nonimmigrant alien [with a K visa] except to that of an alien lawfully admitted to the United States on a conditional basis under section 1186a of this title as a result of the marriage of the nonimmigrant (or, in the case of a minor child, the parent) to the citizen

8 U.S. § 1255(d). The section does not require applicants to have approved immigrant visa petitions.

After two years, the conditional resident status may be lifted. 8 U.S.C. § 1186a. A minor alien who seeks to adjust his status on the basis of his parent's marriage to a United States citizen must apply as an alien accompanying or following to join primary applicant for adjustment of status. 8 U.S.C.

§ 1101(a)(15)(K)(iii); 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(k)(6)(ii).

Here, because Plaintiff was no longer a minor at the time his mother adjusted her status, he was not eligible for adjustment under 8 U.S.C. § 1255(d). Moreover, he does not appear to have an immigrant visa available to him, as required by 8 U.S.C. § 1255(a). Accordingly, Plaintiff is not entitled to adjustment of status under any provision of immigration law.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Defendant's motion for summary judgment is hereby GRANTED. Judgment for Defendant will be entered accordingly. Each of the parties will bear their own costs and fees.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated:

CLAUDIA WILKEN
United States District Judge